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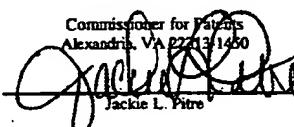
Application No.: 09/841,194
 Confirmation No.: 4736
 Filing Date: April 24, 2001
 Inventors: Vinegar et al.
 Title: IN SITU THERMAL
 PROCESSING OF A COAL
 FORMATION TO CONVERT
 A SELECTED TOTAL
 ORGANIC CARBON
 CONTENT INTO
 HYDROCARBON
 PRODUCTS

Examiner: G. A. Suchfield
 Art Unit: 3672
 Atty. Dkt. No.: 5659-06100/EBM

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
(under 37 CFR § 1.114)

This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of application number 09/841,194, filed on April 24, 2001, entitled IN SITU THERMAL PROCESSING OF A COAL FORMATION TO CONVERT A SELECTED TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON CONTENT INTO HYDROCARBON PRODUCTS.

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Assignee:	Shell Oil Company	Recorded at:	Reel 012233, Frame 0424
Correspondence Address in Prior Application:	Del Christensen Shell Oil Company P.O. Box 2463 Houston, Texas 77252-2463		

Application Elements1. Filing Fee

A Fee Authorization Form authorizing a deposit account debit for the RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is enclosed.

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2. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

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3. Amendments

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An amendment is enclosed.

Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Please consider the arguments in the response filed on _____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on _____.

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Match and Return

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5. Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time

6. Return Receipt Postcard

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5659-06100/EBM.

Respectfully submitted,



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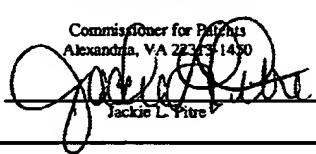
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees to Shell Oil Co.
Deposit Account Number 19-1800/TH1986:

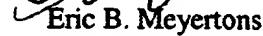
1. Request for Continued Examination Fee \$750.00

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$750.00

The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fee or other fees that may be necessary to the same account number. If the above-mentioned account is found to have insufficient funds, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5659-06100/EBM.

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R137(a) Petition-----501
 R137(a) Petition -----509
 (Issue Fee/Dwgs)
 R137(b) Petition-----502
 R137(b) Petition-----510
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 R137(f) Petition-----536
 R182 Petition-----519
 R183 Petition-----503
 R378(b) Petition-----532
 R378(c) Petition-----533
 R377 Petition-----521
 R3.81(b) Petition-----523
 R181 Petition-----515
 R181 Petition-----504

PETITION TYPE CODE

R28c Petition-----321/320
 R47 Petition-----313
 R53(e) Petition-----408
 R53 (R62 filing date)-----410
 R10 Petition-----411
 Lost Application-----412
 R78(a)(3) Petition-----535
 R78(a)(6) Petition-----535
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 R314 Petition-----508
 R55(a) Petition-----507
 Pet. W/D Abn-----525
 R705(b) PTA-Bef iss-----550
 R705(d) PTA-Aft iss-----551
 R705(c)PTA-SpiteDueCare-552
 Other _____

2. LIST PAPERS FILED WITH PETITIONS

PreAmdt/Amdt
 Request CofC
 Reply/Arguments
 Election
 Notice of Appeal
 Brief (3)
 Reply Brief
 Declaration R132

CPA
 RCE
 IDS
 Terminal Disclaimer
 Issue Fee
 Drawings
 Rule 312 Amdt
 Ext Time (____)

Associate POA
 Change of Address
 Revocation/Poa
 Oath/Decl. & POA
 Priority Documents
 Statement 3.37(b)
 Rescind Non-Pub Req.
 Notice of Foreign Filing

Other Papers _____

3. Is paper a petition to withdraw holding of abandonment: yes noIf so, send paper and/or file to appropriate location (*Note: remove any flag set first*):

- a. Nonreceipt of action from TC or assertion that reply was timely filed:
Send paper to TC _____
- b. Nonreceipt of Missing Parts Notice or assertion that reply was timely filed:
Send paper to DIRECTOR -OIPE - -CP2-7D25 (PH: 308-0910)
- c. Assertion of timely payment of issue fee and/or submission of drawings:
Send petition to Office of Publications: ATTN: Tom Hawkins
- d. Other _____

4. Other: _____

If not handled in Office of Petitions, send paper to appropriate location.

5. Is petition accompanied by assignment papers, fee address, or other paper which needs to be sent to another location? yes no If so, make copy of assignment papers, fee address, or other paper; mail original to proper location and place copy in file with an indication that the original paper(s) has been forwarded to the appropriate location (Assignment Branch; Maintenance Fee Division, etc.)